

San Jose Redevelopment Agency downtown project **fact sheet**



Construction:
October 1989

Completion:
June 1991

Project: San Jose Museum of Art

Description: In 1971, the 1895 Romanesque U.S. Post Office Building, one of the most historically significant buildings in the San Jose area, was converted to house the San Jose Museum of Art. In 1990, the San Jose Redevelopment Agency constructed an east wing extension which dramatically increased the museum's exhibition space and allowed it to expand its public programming. The wing's contemporary design serves as a complementary counterpart to the historic wing which was renovated by the Redevelopment Agency in 1997.

Location: 110 South Market Street (near San Fernando Street)

Benefit: As the City's primary visual arts facility, the museum is part of the Redevelopment Agency's plan to create a cultural hub in the Downtown. The San Jose Museum of Art is centrally located and close to The Tech Museum of Innovation, the San Jose Repertory Theatre, and the Children's Discovery Museum. The new wing of the San Jose Museum of Art paved the way for the landmark collaborative exhibition with the Whitney Museum of American Art.

Features: The 45,000 square-foot contemporary wing includes:

- 15,000 square feet of new exhibit space
- Grand glass lobby entrance

Total Costs: \$18.9 million
\$11.9 million from the San Jose Redevelopment Agency
\$7 million raised by the San Jose Museum of Art

Project Team:

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District:	
Developer:	San Jose Redevelopment Agency
Architect:	Skidmore Owings and Merrill (San Francisco) and Robinson, Mills + Williams Architecture (San Francisco)
Contractor:	E.A. Hathaway & Co. and Nibbi Brothers Construction
Owner:	San Jose Redevelopment Agency